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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action

mailed on March 26, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification in accordance with the following replacement paragraphs.

A marked-up version of the portions of the specification which have been amended is attached.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 2 with the following:

However, in the above-described conventional image search method, the average importance for elements of a certain features is not useful, i.e., a pre-determination of an average value for elements of a certain features is not useful in image search since the importance of each element varies by a reference image or target images.